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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: UMPIRE Project — *D.*

1. I wish to refer to the memorandum of the discussion at the Department of State on the establishment of an American Committee for Free Europe in New York in connection with the Umpire Project, and Mr. Kennan's comments thereon. In accordance with your instructions I will take up with Mr. John Davies this evening, and thereafter with Mr. Kennan, the question of policy with regard to political activities of various Displaced Persons groups in Germany. I should like to point out to you, however, certain thoughts which have occurred to me in connection with this matter.

I might add also that I will discuss with *E* details with regard to the establishment of Umpire Project as such.

Practically all Displaced Persons in the U. S. Zone of Germany today are administered by the International Relief Organization which, as you know, is heavily penetrated by communist agents. For example, the master card index file at IRO Headquarters at Bad Kissingen is available to communist agents. The U. S. Zone of Germany is practically overrun with IRO employees of many nationalities, including a large number born in the Soviet Union and but recently naturalized as Palestinian citizens, some of whom occupy key positions for intelligence purposes. No security check is made on these people by our military authorities, and under the terms of the IRO Agreement with the Military Government of the U. S. Zone of Germany they merely apply for an entry permit and are admitted.

Most unusual caution, therefore, will have to be exercised in proceeding with the organization of refugee groups in Germany for our purposes.

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2. I should like to suggest that before the New York Committee or the Committee Groups in Germany request General Clay for permission to do any broadcasting, or to engage in any activities provided by the Umpire Project, General Draper should be acquainted with the entire proposal and, if possible, his full support be obtained in order that he may advise General Clay of the keen interest felt in Washington in this Project, stress to the latter its importance, and urge him to approve promptly the forthcoming requests of the individual groups or the New York Committee, as the case may be, for permission to operate.

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3. I hope also that the Umpire Project can be expanded to include the Baltic States.

The Latvian and Esthonian Displaced Persons in Germany are the most competent and serious among the Displaced Persons Groups, and their motives are unquestionable. Their ingenuity and organizational ability should make it fairly easy to set up a satisfactory organization for their area.

4. The question of wave lengths is one of the sorest points in the U. S. Zone of Germany today, and if General Draper could tie this in with his general endorsement of this Project to General Clay it would be most helpful.

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N.B. - In order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding with regard to the proposed establishment of the American Committee for Free Europe, I would suggest that it not be referred to as UMPIRE Project and that some other appropriate name be applied thereto.

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